

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An isolated antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof that binds to an extracellular localized epitope of ~~Hsp70~~ Heat Shock Protein 70 on tumor cells, wherein said epitope comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of NLLGRFEL (SEQ ID NO: 1) or TKDNNLLGRFELSG (SEQ ID NO: 2) and wherein said antibody is produced by a hybridoma selected from the group consisting of the hybridomas identified by Accession Numbers DSM ACC2629 and DSM ACC2630.

2. (previously presented) The isolated antibody of claim 1, wherein said tumor cell is a colon tumor cell.

3-6. (cancelled).

7. (previously presented) The isolated antibody or antigen-binding fragment of claim 1, which is capable of exhibiting an inhibitory effect on the cytolytic activity of NK cells against Heat Shock Protein 70 expressing tumor cells.

8. (currently amended) ~~The isolated antibody of claim 1, which is a~~ A human, humanized, ~~xenogeneic~~, or a chimeric ~~human-murine~~ antibody of Claim 1.

9. (previously presented) The isolated antigen-binding fragment of claim 1, which is selected from the group consisting of a single chain Fv fragment, an F(ab') fragment, an F(ab) fragment, and an F(ab')₂ fragment.

10. (currently amended) A hybridoma that produces a monoclonal antibody of claim [[4]] 1.

11. (currently amended) The hybridoma of claim 10, selected from the group consisting of hybridoma cmHsp70.1, deposited with the DSMZ-Deutsche Sammlung

von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 1b, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany on November 13, 2003, and assigned Accession Number DSM ACC2629, and cmHsp70.2, deposited with the DSMZ-Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH on November 14, 2003, and assigned Accession Number DSM ~~ACC2670~~ ACC2630.

12-17. (cancelled).

18. (currently amended) A bi- or multifunctional molecule that comprises the binding domain of an antibody of claim 1, an immunoglobulin chain thereof or a binding fragment thereof which binds an epitope of Heat Shock Protein 70 ~~cell surface membrane bound heat shock protein (HSP)~~, wherein said epitope comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of NLLGRFEL (SEQ ID NO: 1) or TKDNNLLGRFELSG (SEQ ID NO: 2), and at least one further functional domain.

19. (original) The bi- or multifunctional molecule of claim 18, which is bispecific molecule.

20. (original) The bispecific molecule of claim 19, which is a bispecific antibody.

21. (previously presented) The bi- or multifunctional molecule of claim 18, wherein said further functional domain is a cytotoxic agent or a label.

22-39. (cancelled).